(ख) क्या चालू पंचवर्षीय योजना में मध्य प्रदेश के सभी जन-जातीय क्षेत्रों के विकास खंड मुख्यालयों को टेलीफोन सुविधा दे दिये जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) मध्य प्रदेश के पूर्णतया/आंशिक रूप से पिछड़े 34 जिलों में 5-5 कि०मी० की भुजा के 517 आबादी वाले षटभुजाकार क्षेत्रों में सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान दूरसंचार सुविधा प्रदान करने की योजना बनाई गई है । इनमें से 325 षटभुजाकार क्षेत्रों में दूरसंचार सुविधायें पहले प्रदान कर दी गई हैं ।

(ख) सभी जनजातीय ब्लाक मुख्यालयों में दूरसंचार सुविधायें प्रदान कर दी गई हैं ।

Soviet aid to Power Sector

1964. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Soviet Union has offered to provide more aid for power sector in India; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) An Inter-Governmental Protocol has recently been signed with the Government of USSR for construction, upto 2000 A.D., of new electric power stations with a total capacity upto 6000 MW, along with the associated transmission systems, with Soviet Assistance. Under the Protocol five power projects, with a total capacity of 3270 MW are to be constructed and synchronised during the Eighth Five Year Plan. A credit Agreement, providing financial assistance of Roubles 400 million for Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project Stage-II, has also been concluded with the Government of USSR.

कानपुर में असंतोषजनक टेलीफोन सेवा

1965. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि युवा उद्योग व्यापार मंडल, कानपुर के आह्वान पर कानपुर टेलीफोन्स की कुव्यवस्था के विरोध में 26 सितम्बर, 1988 को टेलीफोन की शव यात्रा निकाली गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और उस पर सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) जी हां, कानपुर में असंतोषजनक टेलीफोन सेवाओं के विरोध में 26 सितम्बर, 1988 को टेलीफोन की शवयात्रा निकाली गई थी ।

(ख) आन्दोलनकारियों से विचार विमर्श करके और एक्सचेंजों में उत्पन्न दोषों की व्यापक जांच करके उन्हें दूर करने जैसे सुधारात्मक कदम उठा कर इस मामले को सुलझा दिया गया था ।

Visit of Deputy Director General of World Intellectual Property Organisation to India

1966. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many times Mr. Shahid Ali Khan, Deputy Director General of World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) has visited India during the last six months;

(b) whether it is a fact that he has held discussions with the Senior Officials of the Ministry persuading India to join the Paris Convention; and

(c) what are the advantages and disadvantages of our country's joining the Paris convention?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No such record is maintained by the Government.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The proponents for the Paris Convention argue that it will enhance the confidence of the foreign investor and create a favourable climate for the flow of technology to the host country. They also point out that the Convention provides sufficient flexibility to the host country to follow its national objectives and priorities in its own industrial property laws.

The main arguments advanced against the Convention are that it is weighted heavily in favour of protecting the patent holders of the developed market economy countries, that it will lead to monopolistic importation of patented articles, and that will impede the self-reliant technological and industrial development of the host developing countries.

Rise in the prices of technical grade pesticides

1967. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports that the shortage of technical grade pesticides had led to sharp increase in its prices;

(b) if so, the manner in which Government propose to contain the prices and ensure availability of pesticides to farmers at a reasonable price; and

(c) whether Government propose to import technical grade pesticides for distributing to users at subsidised prices to avert acute shortage and steep rise in its prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Some shortage have been reported mainly on account of very good monsoons and tremendous increase in demand, but there have been no significant price rise.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Some pesticides have been imported to meet the gap in demand and supply, but there is no proposal for direct subsidy. However, Ministry of Agriculture do give subsidies for farmers in their usual programmes of increasing agriculture production.

Seminar on patent law sponsored by FICCI|WIPO|ICC

1968. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether a jointly sponsored seminar is being held by FICCI/WIPO/ICC on patent law in November, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has given approval for holding such a seminar;

(c) what are the main objectives of this seminar; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that Government will take a decision to join the Paris Convention after receiving recommendations of this Seminar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, is organising a Seminar on Licensing and other Technology Transfer Arrangements, in cooperation with the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and the Indian National Committee of International Chamber of Commerce from 24—26 November, 1988, in New Delhi. The objective of the Seminar is to discuss various forms of technology